

A M E N D M E N T

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS**Clean Version****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** claims **30, 44, 105, 108 and 110** without prejudice or disclaimer.
Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

(Please **SUBSTITUTE** the following claims for the pending claims of the same number.)

1. (AMENDED) A method of providing a product to a buyer who purchased the product through a purchasing system, comprising:

receiving from the buyer redemption information;

receiving from the purchasing system verification information enabling the authorization of the buyer to take possession of the product;

providing the product to the buyer; and

receiving from a party different from the buyer a payment in exchange for providing the product to the buyer,

wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon between a retailer and the party different from the buyer and not on a second price of the product that the buyer agreed to pay to the party different from the buyer.

38. (AMENDED) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method for providing a product to a buyer who purchased the product through a purchasing system, said method comprising:

receiving from the buyer redemption information;
receiving from the purchasing system verification information enabling the
authorization of the buyer to take possession of the product;
providing the product to the buyer; and
receiving from a party different from the buyer a payment in exchange for
providing the product to the buyer,

BZ wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon
between a retailer and the party different from the buyer and not on a second price of the
product that the buyer agreed to pay to the party different from the buyer.

39. (AMENDED) A method of operating a retailer system to provide a product to a
buyer who purchased the product through a purchasing system, comprising:

receiving from the buyer a pseudo payment identifier;
sending the pseudo payment identifier to a payment processing system, the
payment processing system being configured to receive payment identifiers;
receiving an authorization from the payment processing system;
providing the product to the buyer; and
receiving from a party different from the buyer a payment in exchange for
providing the product to the buyer,

wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon
between an operator of a retailer system and the party different from the buyer and not on
a second price of the product that the buyer agreed to pay to the party different from the
buyer.

41. (AMENDED) A retailer device, comprising:

a processor; and

B3 a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be
executed by said processor to:

receive from the buyer redemption information;

receive from the purchasing system verification information enabling the authorization of the buyer to take possession of the product;

provide the product to the buyer; and

receive from a party different from the buyer a payment in exchange for providing the product to the buyer,

wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon between a retailer and the party different from the buyer and not on a second price of the product that the buyer agreed to pay to the party different from the buyer.

42. (AMENDED) A retailer system apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving from the buyer redemption information;

means for receiving from the purchasing system verification information enabling the authorization of the buyer to take possession of the product;

means for providing the product to the buyer; and

means for receiving from a party different from the buyer a payment in exchange for providing the product to the buyer,

wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon between a retailer and the party different from the buyer and not on a second price of the product that the buyer agreed to pay to the party different from the buyer.

43. (AMENDED) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method for operating a retailer system, said method comprising:

receiving from the buyer redemption information;

receiving from the purchasing system verification information enabling the authorization of the buyer to take possession of the product;

providing the product to the buyer; and

receiving from a party different from the buyer a payment in exchange for providing the product to the buyer,

wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon between a retailer and the party different from the buyer and not on a second price of the product that the buyer agreed to pay to the party different from the buyer.

45. (AMENDED) A method of providing a product to a buyer who purchased the product through a purchasing system, comprising:

receiving from the purchasing system verification information authorizing a plurality of buyers to take possession of products;

receiving from a buyer a redemption code;

comparing the received redemption code with the received verification information;

providing the product to the buyer; and

receiving from the purchasing system a payment in exchange for providing the product to the buyer,

wherein the payment is based on a first price of the product agreed upon between a retailer and the purchasing system and not on a second price of the product that the buyer agreed to pay to the purchasing system.

46. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller,

wherein the buyer agrees to pay a first price for the product;

sending redemption information to the buyer, the redemption information enabling the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer, different from the seller, that offers the product for sale at a second price; and

providing to the retailer a third price for the product once the buyer takes possession of the product at the retailer,

wherein the third price is a price for the product agreed upon between the retailer and the seller and is not based on the first price that the buyer agreed to pay for the product.

97. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller at a first price;

selecting a retailer from a plurality of retailers, the retailer offering the product for sale at a second price;

sending to the buyer redemption information, including a redemption code;

receiving information related to an attempt to take possession of the product;

sending a verification authorizing the buyer to take possession of the product;

receiving from the buyer payment of an amount based on the first price; and

providing to the retailer an amount based on a third price for the product,

wherein the third price is based on an agreement between an operator of the purchasing system and the retailer and not on the first price that the buyer agreed to pay for the product.

101. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

receiving through a communication network a buyer offer, including a buyer-defined first price, information about a product and a buyer payment identifier, from a buyer;

determining if the buyer offer will be accepted by a seller;

selecting at least one retailer from a plurality of retailers;

adjusting a spending limit associated with a pseudo payment identifier;

sending redemption information, including the pseudo payment identifier and information enabling the creation of a voucher, to the buyer;

receiving the pseudo payment identifier from a credit card processing system;

sending a verification authorizing the buyer to take possession of the product;

re-adjusting the spending limit associated with the pseudo payment identifier;

receiving payment of an amount based on the first price using the buyer payment identifier; and

providing to a retailer at which the buyer took possession of the product a second price,

wherein the second price is a price previously agreed upon between an operator of the purchasing system and at least one of the retailer and the seller and is not based on the first price defined by the buyer.

102. (AMENDED) A purchasing system device, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

arrange through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller,

wherein the buyer agrees to pay a first price for the product,

send redemption information to the buyer, the redemption information enabling the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price; and

provide to the retailer a third price for the product once the buyer takes possession of the product at the retailer,

wherein the third price is a price for the product agreed upon between the retailer and the seller and is not based on the first price that the buyer agreed to pay for the product.

103. (AMENDED) A purchasing system apparatus, comprising:

means for arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller,

wherein the buyer agrees to pay a first price for the product;

means for sending redemption information to the buyer, the redemption information enabling the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price; and

means for providing to the retailer a third price for the product once the buyer takes possession of the product at the retailer,

wherein the third price is a price for the product agreed upon between the retailer and the seller and is not based on the first price that the buyer agreed to pay for the product.

104. (AMENDED) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method for operating a purchasing system, said method comprising:

arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller,

wherein the buyer agrees to pay a first price for the product;

sending redemption information to the buyer, the redemption information enabling the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price; and

providing to the retailer a third price for the product once the buyer takes possession of the product at the retailer,

wherein the third price is a price for the product agreed upon between the retailer and the seller and is not based on the first price that the buyer agreed to pay for the product.

106. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller,

wherein the buyer agrees to pay a first price for the product;

sending redemption information to the buyer; the redemption information enabling the buyer to receive the product from a delivery service; and

providing to at least one of a retailer and the delivery service a second price for the product once the product is delivered to the buyer,

wherein the second price is a price for the product agreed upon between at least one of the retailer and an operator of the delivery service and an operator of the purchasing system and is not based on the first price.

109. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:
arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product
from a seller,

wherein the buyer agrees to pay a first price for the product;

38 sending redemption information to the buyer, the redemption information
enabling the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer that offers the product
for sale at a second price; and

providing to the retailer a third price for the product once the buyer takes
possession of the product at the retailer,

wherein the third price is a price for the product agreed upon between the
retailer and at least one of the seller and the purchasing system and is not based on the
first price that the buyer agreed to pay for the product.